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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2010, Applicants have filed herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. In relation thereto, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the instant Submission, which includes an Information Disclosure Statement submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. Copies of the items cited in the attached Form PTO/SB/08 that are not United States Publications or Patents are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to consider and make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

- ☐ (a) accompanies a new patent application submitted herewith.
- ☐ (b) is filed within three months after the filing date of the application or within three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application as set forth in 37 CFR §1.491.
- ☐ (c) as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.
- ☒ (d) as far as is known to the undersigned, is filed before the mailing date of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under §1.114.
- ☐ (e) is filed after the first Office Action and more than three months after the application's filing date or PCT national stage date of entry filing but, as far as is

known to the undersigned, prior to the mailing date of either a final action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either the fee (\$180) set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) or a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e), as checked below. Should any fee be due, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3994 in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the cost of this Information Disclosure Statement.

- ☐ (f) is filed after the mailing date of either a final rejection or a notice of allowance, but on or before the payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by the fee (\$180) set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1) **and** a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e), as checked below. **This document is to be considered as a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement.** The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3994 in the amount of \$180 to cover the cost of this Information Disclosure Statement. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

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- ☐ Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication mailed from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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- ☒ are supplied herewith.
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, and the information contained therein, is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the claimed inventions. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP § 609 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

In light of Applicants' request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, Applicants do not believe that any fees are due for filing the instant Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event that any fees are due in connection with this application, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3994. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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